

Remarks

The applicant appreciates the examiner's consideration of the application and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance based on the preceding amendments and these remarks.

The section 112 issues have been resolved.

The Examiner rejected the claims as set forth in the Office Action, over Boyce, and over Boyce and Rizzi et al.

The claims as amended are clearly patentable in light of these references. Independent claims 14 and 20 (claim 20 has replaced claim 1) comprise a computer monitor support with a top and a lower horizontal member that are spaced from one another and fixed relative to one another, with a computer monitor located between the two. In the retracted position, the top horizontal member is located in and at least partially fills the aperture in the work surface. In the extended position the lower horizontal member is located proximate or in, and at least partially fills the aperture in the work surface. None of these features are disclosed by, or even suggested by the references. Accordingly, the independent claims (and thus by definition the dependent claims) are patentable over the references.

Boyce has a top and a second horizontal member, but they are not spaced, are not fixed relative to one another, and the monitor is not located between the two, as it is entirely located in the top member. Further, in the extended position the lower horizontal member is not located proximate to or in the aperture in the desk. Rizzi discloses none of these aspects. As none of these features are taught by the references in any combination, the claim is allowable under a proper consideration of the law. As the claims are patentable in light of the references, allowance is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this response is considered incomplete, or if the Examiner would like to discuss the response in order to move the application to allowance, please call the undersigned at (508) 860-1449

Respectfully submitted,



Brian M. Dingman
Reg. No. 32,729